

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.4, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Iowa Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee on the date and at the time and location listed below.

Proposed Agenda

Iowa Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee

September 28, 2006

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Main Reception Desk for Tour/Warden's Conference Room for Meeting

Iowa State Penitentiary

31 Avenue G, Fort Madison

Please contact Dean Ibsen at 515-281-6051 or <mailto:dean.ibsen@iowa.gov> by Noon, Wednesday, September 27, if you will be eating lunch, for transportation or for any special accommodations. Transportation from Des Moines will be provided for committee members upon request and for others depending upon availability. Photography may be permitted at the site with permission of facility administrators, but photos of residents of the facility are not permitted without prior approval from the resident and/or guardian.

The Iowa State Penitentiary, established in 1839 as the territorial prison, is the oldest prison west of the Mississippi. It was built on the cellhouse principle, first developed at Auburn, New York, between 1819 and 1821. The walls of the Auburn cellhouses served as a shell, which enclosed multiple tiers of interior cells. This type of construction was compatible with the Auburn system of strict discipline, including the use of separate cells, "detailed rules and relatively harsh punishment, congregate prison labor to support the prison as much as to punish and reform the prisoner, mandatory attendance at religious programs, congregate dining, and limited education programs focusing in literacy." The prison no longer follows the Auburn system of strict discipline and exhibits many significant architectural additions that reflect prison reform. Three of the cellhouses within the prison are in the Iowa State Penitentiary Cellhouse Historic District.¹

10:00 AM	Assemble at Main Reception Desk for Introductions and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Overview of Iowa State Penitentiary▪ Tour of Facility
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Call to Order and Roll Call, Introductions and Welcome (Warden's Conference Room) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Questions and Comments from Committee Members▪ Approval of Minutes of July 13 Meeting (Action Requested)▪ Old Business
12:45 PM	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Legislative Update▪ Routine and Major Maintenance Status Report▪ Staffing Update
1:00 PM	Consideration of Special Major Maintenance Requests
1:15 PM	Overview of Department of Corrections Systemic Study
1:30 PM	Overview of Regulatory and Code Changes Relating to Construction
1:45 AM	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Questions and Comments from Agency Representatives, Committee Members, Public▪ Next Meeting
2:00 PM	Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings of the Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee:

Regular Meeting: October 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Capitol Complex, TBD

Regular Meeting: November 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. TBD

Regular Meeting: December 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. TBD

¹ Joyce McKay, *Iowa State Penitentiary Cellhouses Historic District National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (Des Moines, Iowa: State Historical Society of Iowa, 1992), 12; Weil, 158.